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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



FORM TO BE USED IN FILING A COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C. § 1983

(Prisoner Complaint Form)

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### 1. CAPTION OF ACTION

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Name of Defendant: C.O. Nowicki	
(If applicable) Official Position of Defendant: Correctional Officier	
(If applicable) Defendant is Sued in X Individual and/orOfficial Capacity	
Address of Defendant: Attica Correctional Facility, Exchange St.	
Attica, New York 14011	
Name of Defendant: C.O. rejman	
(If applicable) Official Position of Defendant: Correctional Officer	
(If applicable) Defendant is Sued in X Individual and/or Official Capacity	
Address of Defendant: Attica Correctional Facility, Exchange St.	
Attica, New York 14011	
Name of Defendant: C.O. Reinard	
(If applicable) Official Position of Defendant: Correctional Officer	
(If applicable) Defendant is Sued in X Individual and/or Official Capacity	
Address of Defendant: Attica Correctional Facility, exchange st.	
Attica, new york 14011	
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4. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT	
A. Have you begun any other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this Yes No_X	s action?
If Yes, complete the next section. NOTE: If you have brought more than one lawsuit dealing with the same fac	ts as this
action, use this format to describe the other action(s) on another sheet of paper.	
1. Name(s) of the parties to this other lawsuit:	
Plaintiff(s):	
Defendant(s):	<del></del>
2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county):	
3. Docket or Index Number:	
4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned:	

#### **DEFENDANT'S INFORNATION**

Name of Defendant: C.O. Wilson

Official Position of Defendant: Correctional Officer

Address of Defendant: Attica Correctional Facility, Exchange St. Attica, New York 14011

5.	The approximate date the action was filed:
6.	What was the disposition of the case?
	Is it still pending? Yes No
	If not, give the approximate date it was resolved.
	Disposition (check the statements which apply):
	Dismissed (check the box which indicates why it was dismissed):
	By court sua sponte as frivolous, malicious or for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted;
	By court for failure to exhaust administrative remedies;
	By court for failure to prosecute, pay filing fee or otherwise respond to a court order;
	By court due to your voluntary withdrawal of claim;
	Judgment upon motion or after trial entered for
	plaintiff
	defendant.
В.	Have you begun any other lawsuits in federal court which relate to your imprisonment?
	YesNo_X
If Yes use:th	s, complete the next section. NOTE: If you have brought more than one other lawsuit dealing with your imprisonment, his same format to describe the other action(s) on another sheet of paper.
1.	Name(s) of the parties to this other lawsuit:
	Plaintiff(s):
	Defendant(s):
2.	District Court:
3.	Docket Number:
4.	Name of District or Magistrate Judge to whom case was assigned:
5.	The approximate date the action was filed:
6.	What was the disposition of the case?
	Is it still pending? Yes No
	If not, give the approximate date it was resolved.

Disposition (cl	heck the statements which apply):
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	By court sua sponte as frivolous, malicious or for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted;
	By court for failure to exhaust administrative remedies;
	By court for failure to prosecute, pay filing fee or otherwise respond to a court order;
	By court due to your voluntary withdrawal of claim;
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#### 5. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

For your information, the following is a list of some of the most frequently raised grounds for relief in proceedings under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (This list does not include <u>all</u> possible claims.)

- Religion
- · Access to the Courts
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- False Arrest
- Excessive Force
- Due ProcessEqual Protection

• Free Speech

- Failure to Protect
- Search & Seizure
- · Malicious Prosecution
- Denial of Medical Treatment
- Right to Counsel

Please note that it is not enough to just list the ground(s) for your action. You must include a statement of the facts which you believe support each of your claims. In other words, tell the story of what happened to you but do not use legal jargon.

Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a) states that a pleading must contain "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." "The function of pleadings under the Federal Rules is to give fair notice of the claim asserted. Fair notice is that which will enable the adverse party to answer and prepare for trial, allow the application of res judicata, and identify the nature of the case so it may be assigned the proper form of trial." Simmons v. Abruzzo, 49 F.3d 83, 86 (2d Cir. 1995). Fed.R.Civ.P. 10(b) states that "[a]ll averments of claim ... shall be made in numbered paragraphs, the contents of each of which shall be limited as far a practicable to a single set of circumstances."

#### **Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies**

Note that according to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prison er confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

You must provide information about the extent of your efforts to grieve, appeal, or otherwise exhaust your administrative remedies, and you must attach copies of any decisions or other documents which indicate that you have exhausted your remedies for each claim you assert in this action.

A. FIRST CLAIM: On (date of the incident)
defendant (give the <u>name and position held</u> of <u>each defendant</u> involved in this incident)
C.O. nowicki, C.O. rejman, C.O. Reiner and C.O Wilson
did the following to me (briefly state what each defendant named above did): on the morning of February
25, 2015, i was being letfor the morning call-outs to attend my
work program (hospial porter). On the way out of 27/28 stairway
I was told to 5 to the side by C.O. Nowicki and instructed
to go back into the stairway.i was standing in the stairway
longer than i expected, I than assumed he wanted me to
go back to my cell. before i could i reach my cell i was instructed
to come back to the bottom of the stairway where officer, see attched paper
The constitutional basis for this claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 is: is the Eighth Amendment, failure to protect and cruel & Unusual Punishment.
The relief I am seeking for this claim is (briefly state the relief sought): Compensatory Damages, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for each defendant for a total of \$4,000,000.
Exhaustion of Your Administrative Remedies for this Claim:
Did you grieve or appeal this claim? X Yes No If yes, what was the result? grievance was denied without merit.
Did you appeal that decision? X Yes No If yes, what was the result?
Attach copies of any documents that indicate that you have exhausted this claim.  If you did not exhaust your administrative remedies, state why you did not do so:
A. SECOND CLAIM: On (date of the incident)  defendant (give the name and position held of each defendant involved in this incident)

id the following to me (briefly state what each defendant named above did):
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The constitutional basis for this claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 is:
The relief I am seeking for this claim is (briefly state the relief sought):
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Exhaustion of Your Administrative Remedies for this Claim:
Did you grieve or appeal this claim?YesNo If yes, what was the result?
Did you appeal that decision? Yes No If yes, what was the result?
Attach copies of any documents that indicate that you have exhausted this claim.
If you did not exhaust your administrative remedies, state why you did not do so:
If you have additional claims, use the above format and set them out on additional sheets of paper.
6. RELIEF SOUGHT
Summarize the relief requested by you in each statement of claim above.
Compensatory damages in the amount of \$1,000.000for each defendant
for a total of 4,000.000.
Do you want a jury trial? Yes_X No

#### First Complaint

Nowicki and many others were waiting in the C-Block corridor. When I reached the bottom of the stairs officer Nowicki approached me and I put my hands up indicating that I did not want any problems. Officer Nowicki then struck me on the left side of my face with his right fist. As officer Nowicki was attacking me, officers Rejman, Reinard, and Wilson joined into the attack, hitting me with closed fists and eventually I was pushed out of the stairway into the corridor. As I entered the corridor I was immediately hit with batons by officers Rejman, Reinard, and Wilson numerous times. As I was being attacked I felt blood running down my face that's when I dropped to the ground to cover myself up. Once I was subdued I was taken to the Facility hospital on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor where I was treated for my injuries. The injuries I was treated for were lacerations to the top of my skull as well as the top left side of my skull. The injuries I suffered at the hands of the officers required thirteen (13) staples to my skull. I was then escorted to SHU.

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FORM 2133 (REV 6/08) Grievance No. Date Filed STATE OF NEW YORK A-64378-15 2/27/14 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Policy Designation AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION Facility Attica Correctional Facility Institutional Title of Grievance Class Code INMATE GRIEVANCE PROGRAM ASSAULTED BY OFFICERS 49 Date Superintendent's Signature 3113/15 Blichwood FDS Housing Unit Grievant RB-CE-08 Murphy, A. 13-B-3408

Grievance is denied based upon information provided.

This grievance has been investigated by a Sergeant and includes an interview with the grievant, along with written memorandum from staff named.

The grievance states: ASSAULTED BY OFFICERS.

A Sergeant interviewed the grievant and he offered no witnesses or evidence to substantiate his claims.

Staff is on record denying all allegations. U.I. & U.O.F. included.

The investigating Sergeant could find no evidence to support the grievants' accusations. Force used was appropriate.

Based on the information provided, there is no evidence to substantiate the allegations of staff malfeasance made by the grievant. Therefore, the grievance is without merit and denied.

APPEAL S	TATEMENT	
f you wish to refer the above decision of the Superintendent, please sign below and return this copy to your Inmate Grievance Clerk.  You have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of this notice to file your appeal. * Please state why you are appealing this decision o C.O.R.C.		
Grievant's Signature	Date	
Grievance Clerk's Signature	Date	

<sup>\*</sup> An exception to the time limit may be requested under Directive #4040, section 701.6(q).

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NEW Corrections and	Grievance Number A-64378-15	Desig /Code I/49	Date Filed 2/27/15
Corrections and Community Supervision	Associated Cases		Hearing Date 5/13/15
ANDREW M CUOMO ANTHONY J. ANNUCCI Governor Acting Commissioner	Attica Correctional Facility		
INMATE GRIEVANCE PROGRAM	Assaulted By Officers		
CENTRAL OFFICE REVIEW COMMITTEE			

#### GRIEVANT'S REQUEST UNANIMOUSLY DENIED AS WITHOUT MERIT

Upon full hearing of the facts and circumstances in the instant case, the action requested herein is hereby denied as without merit. CORC upholds the determination of the Superintendent for the reasons stated.

CORC notes that the grievant was involved in an appropriately documented Use of Force and Unusual Incident on 2/25/15 when he assaulted staff, and that he received prompt medical for lacerations to his head and superficial redness to his back. Further, Officers N..., Rei..., Rej... and W... deny assaulting the grievant. CORC also notes that the grievant's assault allegations are currently being investigated by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and advises him to address further concerns regarding this matter directly to OSI.

CORC notes that a disciplinary hearing may be appealed in accordance with 7 NYCRR, Chapter V, and that this appeal mechanism affords the opportunity to remedy any factual or procedural errors in a disciplinary report. The grievant's disposition is currently pending review at the Office of SHU/Inmate Discipline.

In regard to the grievant's appeal, CORC has not been presented with sufficient evidence of malfeasance by staff, and notes that he has since been transferred.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.	
Executed on 10/38/15 (date)	
NOTE: Each plaintiff must sign this complaint and must also sign all subsequent papers filed with the Court.	
and a	
Signature(s) of Plaintiff(s)	

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK )
COUNTY OF **WASHINGTON** ) SS.:

petitioner in the above captioned proceeding, that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof, that the same is true to deponent's own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated upon information and belief, which matters deponent believes to be true.

Respectfully submitted

I.D. # 1383408

Great Meadow Correctional Facility

P.O. Box 51

Comstock, New York 12821

Sworn to before me on this

Notary Public

PAT J SULLIVAN

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 01SU6316844

Qualified in Saratoga County

Commission Expires Dec. 22, 2018

Andre Murphy # 13-B-3408 Great Meadow Correctional Facility Box 51 Comstock, New York 12821

October 28, 2015

#### US DISTRICT COURT

Western District Of New York U.S. Courthouse, 2 Niagara Sq. Buffalo, New York 14202



Attention: CLERK OF THE COURT,

Enclosed please find a 42 U.S.C. § 1983, petition, please forward to a Judge for consideration.

Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

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